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DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSPITALITY HOST
Nov 4	The Rev Amy Kindred, Minister	On Creativity's Worth	Bill Scott	Donna Klamm	Amy Rosebush	
Nov 11	All UU picnic	ALL UU PICNIC ... 11:00 AM ROTARY PARK, MERRITT ISLAND 1899 S. COURTENAY PARKWAY Large Pavilion (potluck)				
Nov 18	The Rev Amy Kindred, Minister	Gratitude For Every Link in the Food Chain		Helen Bennett	Rosemary Stroda	
Nov 25	Dr. Scott Tilley Professor Emeritus, F.I.T., retired	Genetic Engineering		Kitty Linton	Kitty Linton	

November 2018

Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Women's Friendship Circle: 10:00 AM Coffee House	2	3
4 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> <i>Lunch after Service to welcome Rev. Amy Kindred and her husband, Phil Brown</i>	5 Fall Film Discussion Series: 1:00PM—4:00PM F.H. <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> (2017) <i>A Tale of Murder on a train.</i>	6 Choir Practice: Every Tuesday 7:00 PM Friendship Hall 	7	8	9	10
11 ALL UU PICNIC ROTARY PARK, MERRITT ISLAND 1899 S. COURTENAY PARKWAY Large Pavilion (potluck)	12	13 Daily Bread Volunteers meet Tuesday at Daily Bread 10:30 AM Choir 7:00PM F.H.	14	15 Women's Book Club: 10:30 AM Coffee House	16	17
18 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	19 Fall Film Discussion Series: 1:00PM-4:00PM F.H. <i>Hidden Figures</i> (2016) <i>True Story of black women who work for NASA.</i>	20 Choir 7:00PM F.H.	21	22 Thanksgiving Dinner at FFP 1:30 PM	23	24
25 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	26	27 Choir 7:00PM F.H.	28	29 Sierra Club: Meeting 6:30 PM F.H.	30  The Editor needs your December Flyer inputs by Nov 21 (sooner is better)	

SUE HOLLAND

CoCHAIR of the CLC



How many times have we said and expressed our enthusiasm and expectations for Rev. Amy Kindred to begin her ministry with us!! But, one more time, **WE ARE SO EXCITED AND WITH ENTHUSIASM** we say, **WELCOME**, Rev. Amy.

I've warned her that every committee is waiting for her counsel and she is eager to do so as long as we allow her some space to breathe :). Maybe we should pass out numbers like they do in the deli dept. at the grocery store.

As Bill and I move forward now into the last half of our term, I am happy to report that we had a very uneventful semi-annual meeting and look forward to all good things in the final months.

The service before the meeting began with a video interview, produced by Marshall and Andy, with Chuck Hubbard as he retold the highlights of his well-lived life. We think of him fondly with that little smile he always had and are grateful for his generosity of spirit, talents and gifts. He was certainly a "big" man in so many remembered and appreciated ways.

Cliff introduced our 8 new members. They were warmly welcomed and together we renewed our commitment to each other by reciting the Covenant of Right Relations.

We had a semi-fire drill being reminded that in addition to knowing which door to exit by, we should remember who near us might need a little assistance.

Rev. Amy along with her husband, Phil Brown, will be welcomed with a luncheon after her first service with us on the 4th. Early in the new year we will host a true reception for her with invited guests from the community and beyond. It was urged for "all hands on deck" to make this reflect our historical movement to a full-time minister, one we waited for until we felt confident that it would be a good "marriage". The meeting closed with the issuing of 5 challenges:

- To think about saying yes when the nominating committee asks you to serve.
- To raise your hand and say "I could help with that" (and some did after the meeting!!)
- To go out of your way to welcome a guest, even if it's just to say hello, glad you came.
- To think before you speak or write an e-mail.

To appreciate our Caim (Scots Gaelic) meaning Sanctuary - a place of being safe and loved, even in the darkest times.

ALL UU PICNIC

The All UU picnic will be held on Sunday November 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM at ROTARY PARK in Merritt Island. The address is 1899 S Courtenay Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32952. We will meet in the large pavilion.

The Picnic Program is a service with all three UU churches participating and then a Picnic Pot Luck afterward.





Jesus' Family, by Robert P. Tucker, Ph.D.

[summary by Helen Bennett]

Since October is Family History Month, Dr. Tucker decided to enlighten us about the family of Jesus. This is a confusing account, as sources differ and no one is absolutely certain about the relationships. What we do know is that Jesus' mother was Mary, and his stepfather (supposedly!) was Joseph. His brother James is well known, but Jesus supposedly had four brothers and at least two sisters. The brothers named in the Gospels were James, Joses (or Joseph), Judas, and Simon, but the sisters are unnamed.

In December 2002 an exciting discovery was made! An *ossuary* (a burial box for bones) was found that dated to the year 63 CE, just three decades after the death of Jesus. The inscription on the ossuary said, "James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus." The problem with this finding was that there were many people named James with fathers named Joseph, and the inscription was written by two different hands, leading scholars to think it was a forgery. (James had been stoned to death as a Jewish heretic in the year 62 CE.) Other ossuaries have been found that some believed belonged to the family of Jesus, but most scholars believed them to be fraudulent.

Dr. Tucker was astonished to learn that some Christians in his churches did not know that Jesus was a Jew! They also didn't know that Joseph initially rejected Mary when he found out that she was pregnant, but not by him. An angel visited him in his dreams to tell him to stick with Mary, as she was with child by the Holy Spirit. Jesus was Mary's first-born son, but there were several children after that (see above).

The Catholic Church, wanting to preserve Mary's virginity, asserted that those other children were Joseph's by his first wife, or cousins of Jesus.

Joseph appears in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John, and it is through *his* lineage that Jesus supposedly descended from King David, so that he could claim messiahship. This is strange, since he was supposedly *not* Joseph's biological son. Some did call Joseph the "father of Jesus," but Jesus was also referred to as the "son of Mary," an unusual reference unless the father was unknown or had died.

Mary was given an *immaculate conception* through her supposed mother Anna, so that she would not inherit original sin.

Some anti-Christians claimed that Jesus was born of an illegitimate pregnancy, and others claimed that **Panthera** was the biological father of Jesus. These anti-Christian writings portray Mary as immoral and her son Jesus as a charlatan. "Such scurrilous attacks were widespread and lasted for centuries."

Although Matthew quotes Isaiah as prophesying the birth of Jesus from a virgin, Isaiah was really talking about a "young woman" of his own time who was about to give birth—not a virgin! The brother of Jesus named James remained in Jerusalem as the first leader and bishop of its church. James was probably an early Christian martyr, killed by anti-Christians during the 60s.

We must never forget to distinguish between the *mythical Christ* and the *historical Jesus*. Scholarship strives to shed more light on the latter. hb

"I want to think again of dangerous and noble things. I want to be light and frolicsome. I want to be improbable and beautiful and afraid of nothing, as though I had wings. " Mary Oliver

continued at the top of the next column



“The Benefits of Being Curious”—Rev. John Brown

Our guest speaker on Oct. 21, the Reverend Dr. John Brown of Vero Beach, began his sermon by enumerating some of the benefits he has experienced from being curious. He finds a sense of curiosity to be energizing, spurring him on to dig deeper to learn more and to accept challenges. It releases the child in him, that sense of “Gee, whiz! And “Wow!” Curiosity leads to exploratory behavior, and an inquisitive nature is inherently rewarding and pleasurable. It releases dopamine in the brain, which improves our attention and motivation. The great scientist Albert Einstein said that he had no special talents except for a passionate curiosity to understand how things worked, and Eleanor Roosevelt said that our greatest gift is curiosity. By being curious, we learn things about ourselves, about those around us, and about the world.

From this opening, Brown focused his sense of curiosity on the concept of God. For many UU’s, the use of the word “God” or “worship” or “prayer,” may be uncomfortable, but “God” can mean different things to different people. For some, God may mean the force that created the universe and set it in motion: to others it may be the power of love or the great mystery. For some, God is a loving presence, a Father-figure, while to others God is completely impersonal or absent. UU minister Scotty McClennan writes that in his childhood God was a magical all-powerful being who could see and do anything. By the time he reached his teens, God had become a parent who was watching over him, and in his early 20’s God became an impersonal force. Now, in his maturity, he finds himself praying again to a personal God even though intellectually he knows God is impersonal.

Having been involved with Unitarian Universalism for only a little over a year now, Brown has found himself very interested in the differing perspectives on God among UU’s. Many UU’s have come out of religions where God was portrayed as very judgmental and cruel, so they have rebelled against this notion. He quoted an African American UU humanist who said that he finds his comfort and support in community, not in God. For Brown, God gives us free choice in life, and we are responsible for finding our own joy. God is love, and we can find that love in our community, in those around us. He described a trip he took in college to Austria sponsored by the World Council of Churches, young people from all over the world working together to build a church. Another example he gave was a wedding at which he officiated in which the husband, shortly before the wedding, confessed to his wife-to-be that he was bisexual. The wife, after adjusting to the news, went ahead with the wedding, and the couple went on to have a happy marriage.

God is unconditional love, which requires a sense of empathy, to put yourself in someone else’s shoes and imagine what that person is going through. And imagining the emotions and experiences of others requires curiosity. All of us should strive to be loving and empathetic, to see those around us as worthy of love and respect. We should not try to anthropomorphize God, but we should continue to be curious about the world around us. Asking questions helps us all to live more meaningful and fulfilled lives. ...
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We want to thank our talented children:

Ella, Ivy, Owen and Soren for the Art installation!

The Art is beautiful and we are grateful that you shared it with us. We hope that you will share your art with us in the future.

A Lecture on the “Loss of the El Faro” by Andy Petruska

An Interesting and informative lecture was given by Andy Petruska on October 6th in the main hall. The lecture was based on the tragedy of the el Faro, the first merchant ship that went down between Florida and Puerto Rico. This happened three years ago, resulting in the death of the entire crew.

Due to a series of unfortunate events like hurricanes forecasted, faulty information shared, the mates not listening to each other, the compartments not being water tight and the scuttles left open allowing water to intrude; the ship sank.

Andy is an experienced mariner having had 30 years in the US Navy and retiring as Captain and also served 10 years as Captain in the Merchant Marines. His expertise and information were appreciated by all the audience as he answered questions after the presentation from aghast audience members. They wanted to know how this tragedy could occur in the 21st Century. Now with the introduction of the “black box” on ships, the government reports were able to effectively piece together, in detail, the events leading up to the demise of the El Faro.

We all thank Andy for a lesson in shipping, ship handling and details of scuttles, bays, how lube oil plays such an important part of engine maintenance and how crews on board work, as well as lessons learned.

**Inputs to the *Friendship Flyer*
December edition
are due to the editor
by Thursday, November 22nd**

FALL FILM DISCUSSION SERIES

NOVEMBER 5th TO DECEMBER 17th

NOTE: FILMS ARE ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS FROM
1:00PM—4:00PM At FRIENDSHIP HALL

3115 Friendship Place, Rockledge fl.

PLEASE STAY AFTER THE FILM FOR A DISCUSSION

November 5: *Murder on the Orient Express* (1974)

Helen chose the earlier, better version of this Agatha Christie mystery. All-star cast includes Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall, Martin Balsam, Sean Connery, Vanessa Redgrave, John Gielgud, Jacqueline Bisset, Anthony Perkins and Oscar winning Ingrid Bergman.

November 19: *Hidden Figures* (2016)

This biographical drama tells the story of three black women who worked for NASA during the early space race and helped launch John Glenn into orbit around the earth. Stars are Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae and Kevin Costner.

December 3: *A Man Called Ove* (2015)

Based on a best seller, *Ove* (Rolf Lassgard) is a man who thinks his time on earth is about to expire because his wife has died. However, by helping his neighbors he finds new meaning and he is loved by all.

December 17: *Miss Potter* (2006)

The story of beloved children's author (Peter Rabbit) Beatrix Potter, stars Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor. See her difficulties in getting published

“Wishing good, merely, is a lukewarm charity; but doing good is divine.” James Lendall Basford (1845–1915), *Sparks from the Philosopher's Stone*, 1882

WE WILL HAVE CHILI WEATHER THIS DECEMBER!



Every Year Friendship Fellowship throws a holiday party. Every year there is CHILI FOR EVERYBODY: New Mexico Chili, Atlanta Chili, Vegetarian Chili, Chili with beans Chili without beans, cornbread, slaw, drinks and ice cream! Also caroling, jokes, excellent conversation with friends and more.

This party is the fellowship's biggest charity fundraiser. The ticket at the door is a gift card to be donated to Children's Home Society, the organization looks after children who are wards of the state, in foster homes or in group homes.

This December, come to your FFP holiday chili party and you will know that you are helping children have a better holiday!

LATER THIS YEAR

Nov. 4th	Rev. Amy Kindred joins us full time with her talk "On Creativity's Worth." Stay after the service for lunch with her and her husband Phil Brown.
Nov 11th	All UU Picnic (pot luck)
Nov 22nd	Thanksgiving Dinner at FFP
Dec 7	Chili Party and gift cards for the Children's Home Society
Dec 15th	Cookie Swap
Jan 19th	#Women's Wave—it's time to march again in Washington DC and possibly locally. More details to come from the Social Justice Committee

SISYPHUS

Sisyphus rolls a stone uphill,
Higher and higher and higher, until
He very nearly reaches the top—
And then the stone goes down, kerplop!

Sisyphus keeps on trying, trying,
He'll keep on trying until he's dying,
He's sure to finally reach the top—
Sisyphus will never stop!

Let us pity poor Sisyphus,
As doomed to failure as Oedipus.
He teaches his brothers amid his moans—
And they all gain fame as the Rolling Stones!

Helen Bennett
September 30, 2018

THESE ARE OUR UPCOMING SECOND-SUNDAY CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS

November 2018 Daily Bread (UU Picnic)

December 2018 Children's Home Society
(Annual FFP Chili Party)

January 2019 Aging Matters

February 2019 Transitional Vets

March 2019 Daily Bread (UU picnic)

April 2019 Serene Harbour

On the second Sunday of each month, we have 2 collections: our regular collection that supports our church, and a second one, so you can donate to a local 501(c)3 charity. We have a regular schedule for these charities (see above).

*May the blessing of light be upon you,
Light without and within.*

*May the blessed sunlight shine upon you
And warm your heart till it glows like a great fire,
so that strangers may come and warm themselves
and also a friend.*

*May the light shine out of the eyes of you,
like a candle set in the windows of a house
bidding the wanderer to come in out of the storm.*

An Old Irish Blessing

“The Future: Electrification of Transportation” Mark Senti



Mark Senti, CEO and co-founder of AML, a company working with superconductivity and magnets, was our guest speaker on Oct. 28 and presented a fascinating look at a future transportation system already being developed that will make our way of getting around very different from the way it is today. The future is now, Senti said, and these changes are already occurring. Today, about 29% of all US energy is used for transportation, and 92% of that energy is petroleum, but in the very near future, that petroleum will not be needed because most cars (and other forms of transportation) will run on electricity.

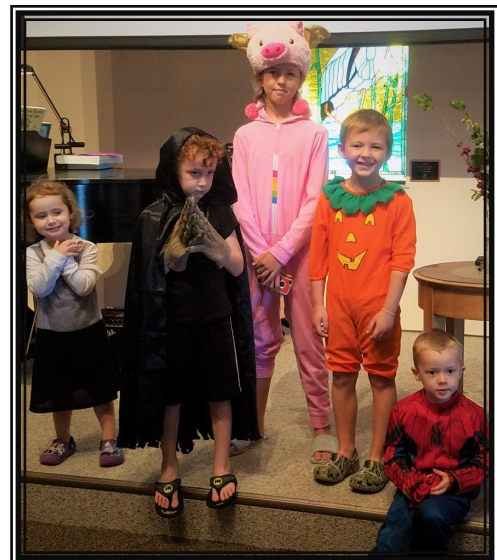
Magnets are necessary for electricity and for much of our everyday lives. The earth is protected by a magnetic field, and we see magnets being used all around us. Think of MRIs in the medical field. Electric motors require magnets, and all transportation systems (not just automobiles) are headed in that direction, away from petroleum. An electric motor converts 95% of its energy to movement and is much more efficient than gasoline or diesel. And it's not just Tesla that is building electric cars; all of the big automobile companies are working on electric motors. Ships are being built now that are hybrid, using both fuel and electricity, and we have all seen the rapid advance of drones being used for such things as package delivery.

The future of flight is electric aircraft. Siemens is already flying electric planes, and all the aeronautics companies are heading in

that direction. Most of us remember the flying cars on the Jetson's TV series, and they are closer to reality than we might think. Companies such as Embraer and Uber Air (and as many as 40 companies) are developing eVTOL's (vertical takeoff and landing vehicles) right now. Just think, said Senti, of how that might improve medical services such as delivery of organs. Airbus is working on building an automobile that would run both as a regular car on the road and a flying car in the air.

Another transportation system being developed is a vacuum tube hyper transport that could carry passengers at speeds of 450 to 4,000 miles per hour. Test tracks are being built now in Nevada.

The big question is how do we power all these electric vehicles? According to Senti, the most efficient, inexpensive, and renewable source is off-shore wind. Apple and Google already run on 100% renewable green energy, and the future of transportation lies in producing more energy-efficient electric motors that will power a combination of electric cars, eVTOLs, ships, planes, and hyperloop systems. The future is upon us, and we will all have to adapt to the changes it will bring. ...rr



Friendship Kids Celebrating Halloween





***Our Dear Friend
Loretta Winston
meets you at the
door.***

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We love to welcome members, visitors and friends to our services each Sunday at 10:30AM and Sunday school is available for our youngest guests and members.

FFP VISITORS OCTOBER 2018

Jessica Bowen and Shelby	Melbourne
Noreen Poor	Palm Bay
Alan Nugent	Cape Canaveral
Bob Messick	New Jersey



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Peggy Horsfield Jan Siren
 Laura Friedman
 Donna Burleson
 John England Helen Rawls
 Spike Wilds

Friendship Fellowship Spotlight

In memory of Chuck Hubbard

*Pictured here: Chuck Hubbard and his wife
Barbara Hubbard*

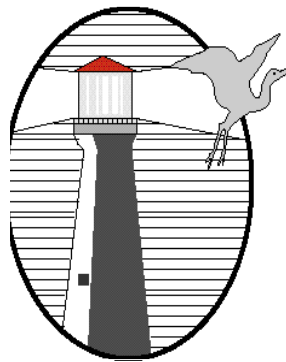
Chuck became a member of FFP January 6th 2002



He Shall be Missed

Born on October 12, 1918– Died Sept 26, 2018

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